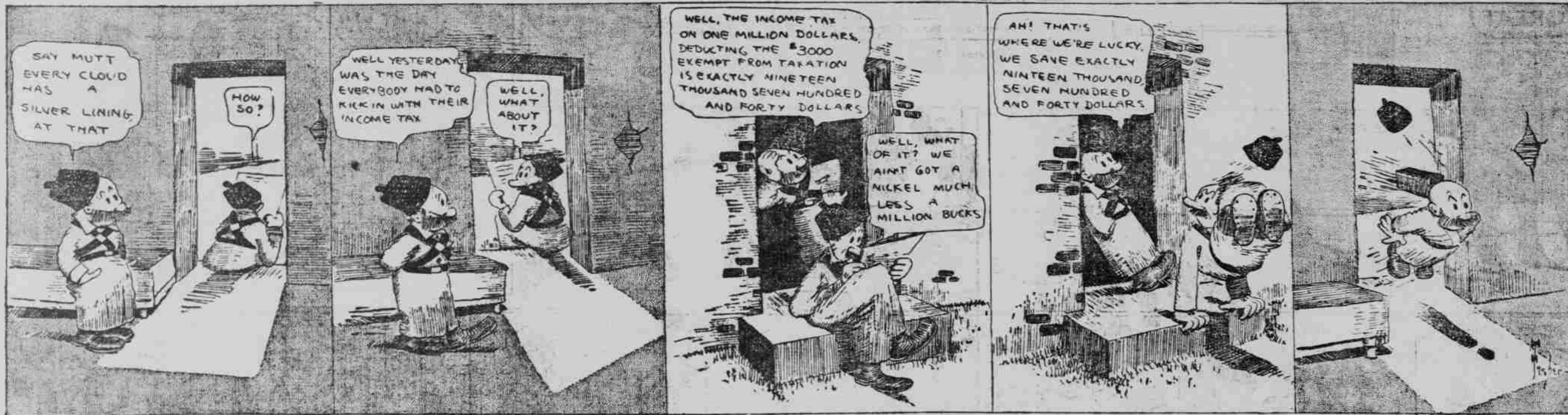


MUTT & JEFF—Jeff Is Certainly An Optimist.

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By BUD FISHER



On the battlefield
Peace would reign—
If they all wore
Shoes sold by Paynes

Up to the Minute
SPORTING NEWS
From Everywhere.

CARROLL TO FARM

Young Topeka Pitcher Decides to Quit Baseball.

Savage Places Him on Suspended List With Clunn.

Pitcher Carroll, one of the young twirlers upon whom John Savage has been depending for the coming season, is now officially in the suspended class with "Lefty" Clunn. And the prospects are that he will spend his summer jerking the gee line on a Maud mule in an Illinois cornfield.

A contract was sent to Carroll at his home in Atwood, Ill., when the regular batch of contracts was sent out, but after taking ample time to deliberate he wrote Savage that he had made up his mind to stay on the old home farm and give up baseball. He said he hoped Topeka would set the league on fire and win the pennant in a walk, but that it would take more money than the club could afford to pay to induce him to give up his rural ambitions this year.

Put Him on Shelf.

And, as is customary in such cases, Savage has placed him on the suspended list and will leave him there until he decides to change his mind or becomes too old to return to the game.

Carroll came to Topeka the latter part of last season, and in the few games he worked in showed promise of displaying some real ability in time. The pitchers Savage now expects to have here when the training season opens are Grover, Dasher, Lakoff, Hall, Higgins, Sanders, Lambeth, West, Larsen and Osborne. Hall and Sanders have not yet sent in signed contracts, but he thought they would do so. Hall has been trying to get more for his services but indicated in a recent letter that he probably would come around even if he didn't succeed.

Sanders has not been heard from since his contract was mailed to him, but inasmuch as he drew good pay for polishing benches last season, it is not thought he has any intention of holding out, or of refusing to report.

WANT PRACTICE GAME.

Bender's Aggies Seek Opening Football Date With Kansas Team.

Manhattan, Kan., March 4.—Athletic Director Bender, of the Kansas Aggies, is making strenuous efforts to land a football game on November 30, 1916, with one of the Kansas conference college teams. Correspondence has been going on for some time and it looks as though Baker university of Baldwin, Kan., would open the season at Manhattan on September 30. Bender says: "We realize that playing a game on September 30 with any of the strong Kansas colleges will put us at a disadvantage, inasmuch as our Missouri Valley conference rules do not permit us to begin practice before September 13. Then our students often return late to school and we will be caught at a considerable disadvantage. The reason for playing a game on September 30 is to afford us a better means of eliminating our material and getting our team in better shape before we hit the husky Cornhuskers on October 14. A game of this kind will also be an incentive to make our boys return earlier to school."

LAST GAME BY POINT.

Topeka High School Five Nosed Out of Victory by Fort Scott.

Dwight Ream's Fort Scott high school basketball team defeated the Topeka high school here Friday afternoon in a close game that was not decided until the last minute of play. The final score was 21 to 20.

An extra period of play was played in the last 30 seconds when a Topeka player made a foul, and the Fort Scott free thrower bagged the deciding point. After the free throw the game ended before play could be resumed. Holcomb, at guard, played the most consistent game for the Topekans. Miner officiated at the contest.

Basketball Tourney Results.

Independence, Kan., March 4.—The results of the Southwest Kansas basketball tournament games Friday were as follows: Boys—Parsons 22, Buffalo 19; Chanute 22, Erie 44; Montgomery County High school 25, Canby 17; Edna 24, Altamont 39. Girls—Parsons 23, Chanute 20; Weir 30, Thayer 36; Independence 19, Altamont 14.

Ask for the FREE souvenir with 25¢ worth of the Half Shell cigars, made fresh every minute.

ONLY TWO PLAYING MANAGERS ARE LEFT



Bill Carrigan (top) and Herzog.

The playing manager in the big leagues is becoming almost extinct. Only two such remain—Bill Carrigan of the Boston Red Sox, and Buck Herzog of the Cincinnati Reds.

WASHINGTON LOST THE LAST.

St. Mary's, Kan., March 4.—In a slow but exciting game Friday afternoon St. Mary's defeated Washburn college 27 to 23. The locals opened the game in a hurry, Henry casing the ball after a neat piece of team work.

The Blue and White stormed the Ichabods' defense all during the second period quickly tying and overcoming their lead. In the last five minutes of play Washburn again braced but to no avail. Captain Rigale and O'Toole were St. Mary's stellar lights while Newell and Nelson bore the brunt of the fray for Washburn.

Lamar Hoover Becomes a Coach.

Wichita, Kan., March 4.—Lamar Hoover of Baldwin, Kan., former Baker university athletic star and official, has been signed as athletic director and coach at Fairmount college in the place of Harry Buck, resigned. It was reported here.

Aggies 29; Washington U. 20.

St. Louis, Mo., March 4.—Kansas Agricultural college basketball team beat Washington university here Friday night with a score of 25 to 29.

Smoke the new Half Shell cigar.—Adv.

TO BOWL FOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF TOPEKA

Next Tuesday night an elimination bowling tournament will begin on the Stag alleys to determine who is the best individual bowler in Topeka. Thirty-two pin busters will be allowed to qualify, and every one will bowl until three games are lost, and the man who remains after the other 31 have been eliminated will be awarded a medal signifying that he is the champion of Topeka.

JUST LIKE A KID

Champion Rumps About All Over Little Old N. Y.

Jess Can't Do His Appetite Justice These Days.

BY JESS WILLARD.

New York, March 4.—'Twas about 15 minutes after 6 yesterday morning when I peeked over the blankets and through the window of my big room saw the old snowflakes dropping. While I was lying there all huddled up there was a rap on my door that sounded as if somebody was breaking in. In a moment Walter Monahan popped in and hollered: "Get up right away."

When Monahan hollers "Get up" it's a good thing to obey. If you don't, you will freeze. For Walter has the habit of dragging all the clothes off you. I certainly hated to part with the old bedstead, but Walter was right there watching me, so there was no choice. When I was all ready, Walter said, "Come on," and Hemple and I followed.

I guess it was about 7 o'clock when we entered Central park. The ground was covered with snow and the atmosphere seemed to stir us up. We started off on a slow jog and before we knew it, we were tearing away like school kids. We were three big men dashing along and slipping back in great fashion and not one felt a day older than 12 years. Hemple fell back a few steps as if he were tired. A second later I felt the thud of a snowball on my neck. I grabbed up a handful of snow and let Mr. Hemple have it on his nose.

Snowball Battle.

That started something, for the next minute Monahan, Hemple and I were indulging in a regular snowball battle. I think we would still be there pegging away like a trio of kids if Monahan hadn't shoved me into the snow and started off on a trot. I kept chasing him but Walter kept just a few paces ahead until we came back to the hotel. It was the best morning workout I have had in the past six days.

It was about half past 7 when we strolled into the lobby of the hotel, getting like a lot of kids. Up to the room we shot and then I enjoyed a nice hot bath and a good rub. This used up a little over three-quarters of an hour and then we came down stairs and tackled the food. I don't know when I had such an appetite. Monahan had allowed me, I would have eaten everything in sight. But Walter thought of my water gulping and cried a halt on the food.

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Will to Get Slammed.

Around 2 o'clock we packed into our auto and rolled down to the Pioneer club. I felt 100 per cent better than I did the day before. I was just wild to put on the gloves and slam and get slammed. I felt like a kid on a Saturday afternoon.

The best thing of this afternoon's training was that Bob Williams showed up to lengthen my boxing stunts. So, instead of four rounds, I waded through six periods.

Right now I wish to say that I felt stronger, better and my eyes seemed quicker while going through the three sparring exhibitions. The old slip I felt rushing through my blood in the early morning seemed to stick and I went all through my different exercises feeling different than ever before. It was a grand work out. Williams was rather careful, probably because it was his first day of work. But I told him later that I want him to swing as hard as he can, for we don't intend to hold any pink tees as far as this bout is concerned.

After finishing boxing, I did a little of that strenuous work of lifting yourself up while lying on a chair. This appears simple enough, but if you're not feeling good, don't try it. Take a tip from me. I laid off stopping the medicine ball with my stomach, preferring to wait another day. Getting through with this work finished the training for the day and I skipped up to my dressing room.

Monahan and Hemple then started to get even on me for wallowing them by giving me a hard dry rub. From that I dropped to the hot bath and then laid on the table for a good rub down. It was about 5 o'clock when I bade farewell to the club and hustled for the hotel and eats. That over, I rushed home.

LOG FALLS ON HOME RUN BAKER, MASHING HIS HAND

Annapolis, Md., March 4.—J. Franklin Baker, home run hitter of Trappe, Md., who is visiting Annapolis, said that he would join the Yankees on Saturday, but he exhibited an injured right hand which will prevent him from being active around the diamond for some time to come. The index and middle fingers on Baker's hand are crushed slightly, and the whole hand is swathed in bandages. He said that a log fell on his hand a few days ago while he was with some friends on his place near Trappe.

Weldell began his career in Rochester, Minn., in the lucky year of 1913, and in 40 games he piled up a batting average of .228. And at the end of the season he made his first advance towards the big show, going to the Virginia club of the Northern league. In the Northern league he started out like a sensation, and was all but sold to Pittsburgh when he took his first big game. He was compelled to play the remainder of the season despite the fact that he was not physically fit, and in the face of it all, ended up with a batting average of .255.

Last season he started out with the Nebraska State league and at the time the league blew up his batting average was .348. This was a better average than Moose Brown was able to get in the Cornhusker circuit, and all local fans know how good Brown was.

Weldell is an outfielder, and one of his best recommendations comes from the president of the Nebraska league, who should know as much about him as any one.

JESS GETS READY FOR MORAN BATTLE



Jess Willard Sparring with Walter Monahan.

The above shows Willard training with his sparring partner in New York for his coming match with Moran. The photo was taken the first of this week, and it does not show the champion as fat as some writers have pictured him.

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Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

The Wichita ball player who has forgotten to claim the inheritance left him is not a regular ball player. He's only a semi-pro.

Some hogs will wallow in their slop and whip it with their tails. But never did a regular Pro. Forget to grab his kale.

The baseball magnates want to make their diamonds more uniform, but the average uniform wearer is only interested in making more diamonds.

John Savage says he does not expect Frank Zehrung, the new Western league president, to visit Topeka until after the 10th of the month. When he does come it is probable that he will be entertained by both the Rotary and Commercial clubs.

If you happen to be connected with a soap factory it might interest you to know that Anton O'Sickey was acclaimed the international skate champion at an indoor meet held in Cleveland, Ohio, this week.

Practically everybody seems to be ready for the beginning of baseball activities, for golf playing and fishing—that is everybody except the weather manipulator.

Billy Fox, former member of the Des Moines and St. Joe clubs, will attempt to hold down a job with Jimmy Jackson's Wolves this year. It is announced in Wichita papers.

"Art" Wolf, who holds the record score at the Stag bowling alleys of 297, will be a big favorite in the championship race that will begin next week.

One day Jess Willard takes a dose of castor oil, and the next he indulges in a snowball-battle. Some diversions for a man who is preparing for a big fight, eh?

OBERER GETS HIGH SCORE.

The Stags Defeat Motive Powers in Friday Night Bowling.

In the Friday night games of the Stag Bowling league the Stag team defeated the Motive Powers, winning two out of the three games. J. Oberer, of the M. P.'s, made high score and high average. The scores:

Stags	1st	2nd	3rd
A. Wolfe	225	173	152
Statoff	150	128	128
H. Shinn	153	180	124
G. Smith	190	186	184
Fadgett	176	188	132
Motive Powers	1st	2nd	3rd
J. Oberer	200	187	228
R. Hiers	164	157	159
D. Stamm	161	190	142
F. Porter	156	171	167
Dr. Grindle	148	146	198

Members of the league are displaying much interest in the city championship medal tourney that will begin next week for the purpose of determining who is the best bowler in the city.

IRISH CHAMPION EASY.

Joe Stecher Throws Pat Connolly in Straight Falls at Butte.

Butte, Mont., March 4.—Joe Stecher, of Nebraska, heavy-weight wrestler, defeated Pat Connolly, the Irish champion, here Friday night in two straight falls, the first in 15 minutes and the second in 6 minutes and 35 seconds.

Stecher won both falls with the body scissors and arm lock. It was announced that the Copper City Athletic club has offered Gotch and Stecher a purse of \$40,000 to settle the world's championship in Butte, Mont.

State Journals Win Again.

The State Journal team in the automatic baseball league defeated the Merchant's National team Friday night by the score of 11 to 8-9. Sessions carried off the individual honors of the evening. The score:

State Journal	Merchants National
West	135
Dixon	122
V. Porter	134
Fadgett	116
P. Porter	156

Win Iowa State Championship.

Cedar Falls, Ia., March 4.—Iowa State Teachers college won the Hawkeye conference basketball championship Friday night by defeating Dubuque college, 15 to 12.

Ottawa 34; Haskell 21.

Ottawa, Kan., March 4.—Ottawa university basketball team Friday night defeated the five of the Haskell Indians, 34 to 24. Cassidy secured 24 points for the winners.

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